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DEFINITION OF SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Specialized Services for nursing facility (NF) residents are defined as:

For patients with mental illness, specialized services means the services, which combined with the services of a NF, results in the continuous and aggressive implementation of an individualized plan of care that (1) is developed and supervised by an interdisciplinary team, which includes a physician, qualified mental health professionals, and other professionals as appropriate; (2) prescribes specific therapies and activities for the treatment of persons experiencing an acute episode of serious mental illness, which necessitates supervision by trained mental health personnel; and (3) is directed towards diagnosing and reducing the resident's behavioral symptoms that necessitated institutionalization, improving his or her level of independent functioning, and achieving a functioning level that permits reduction in the intensity of mental health services to below the level of specialized services at the earliest possible time.

For patients with mental retardation, specialized services means the services which combined with NF services results in treatment with meets the requirements of 42 CFR 483.440 (a) (1).

All other services are defined as services of a lesser intensity.

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